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VEILED WOMAN LONG DEAD.

Mary E. McKiever, an elderly woman, the whole right side of whose face was disfigured by a purplish discoloration, was found dead Thursday afternoon in her flat in the tenement at 328 east Thirty-fourth street and the circumstances point to suicide. She took the front flat on the second floor July 15, came there dressed in black and veiled, and paid a month's rent in advance. She had no furniture, and the rooms were empty save for cot on which she slept. She spoke to nobody in the house except when it was absolutely necessary. She went out seldom and the tenants heard her walking the bare floor in the night. She came to be known in the house as "The woman in black."
Mrs. McKiever—it was believed in the house that she was a widow—paid her second month's rent in advance on August 15. The rent became due again last Friday and the janitor, Albert Frederickson, went around a few days later to collect it. He knocked at the door but got no answer. Then he allowed the matter to stand until Thursday afternoon, when, suspecting that something was wrong, he forced the door open. He found the woman lying dead, partly dressed on her cot. Clutched in her right hand was a copy of the New Testament, revised version, Oxford edition, and on the floor beside the cot was a bottle that had contained carbolic acid.

Folded in the Bible was a sheet of notepaper on which was written:
"I swear before my God that Frederick Mead has taken his sacred oath on this book. God forgive him. May Al mighty God forgive his perjured soul. My request, bury it with me."
"P. S.—There are others who can affirm the same. MARY E. MCKIEVER."
On the pillow of the cot was found another sheet of notepaper, folded. On the paper was written:
"What am I to do without a—"
The letters were uneven. Folded in the paper was a newspaper clipping of veris, entitled "The End of the Way."

The woman had no money and little clothing. The janitor summoned a doctor, who said that she had been dead three or four days. It was learned subsequently that she was last seen alive on Sunday afternoon, when the tenants in the house across the street saw her walking up and down her room with her head lowered and a book in her hand.

The body was removed in the afternoon to the morgue. The janitor said he had no idea who the dead woman was. She had no visitors since she came to the house. The directory gives the address of a Mary E. McKiever, widow of James, at 355 east Eighty-second street. The janitor there, Mrs. Rooney, says that Mrs. McKiever lived in the house from December, 14, 1898, to July 14 of the present year.

"She said, 'on December 15, I had a good fortune and occupied a flat on the top floor. She was always heavily veiled and never associated with the other tenants. She very rarely went out and seemed to shun society. When I wanted to get fresh air she would go out on the fire escape but would never remove her veil. One day I found her in tears in her room and she said:

"I wish I had a home and a good husband like you. I had a good man once," she said. "He died" and she replied, "Yes, he is dead to me." She then told me she had lived with this man twenty-three years, that he was rich and that he got an allowance of \$50 every five weeks. On him one thing I noticed was that Mrs. McKiever never referred to the man as her husband, and never mentioned his name. Once she came into my room very excited and began to talk about the man. She had a Bible in her hand and was weeping. I asked her what was the matter and she said she had not got her usual allowance. "That man," she said, "took an oath on that book that he would never forsake me or let me starve. After twenty-three years of living with him and disparaging myself for him, I think the least he could do now is to provide a shelter for me."

"She told me that she often thought of going into his church and denouncing him. On one occasion she bought a revolver and went down to his office to shoot him, but when he came out her heart failed her and she let him pass. Then she told me she went to Central Park, intending to shoot herself, but her nerve failed at the last moment, and a policeman took her away."

Mr. Rooney said that the woman's allowances ceased coming a few months before she left the house and that she had to sell all her furniture to pay the rent. She said that when her furniture and her money were gone she would go, too. She said she would be 58 years old next birthday. The man, she said, was 60. She said she was born in New Jersey, and had a sister in the west.

Two women called at 328 east Thirty-fourth street Thursday night and asked for particulars about the woman's death. They said they knew her, but refused to give their names. There was quite a stock of provisions in the dead woman's room.—[New York Sun.]

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